## February 2005 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of February, 2005: 66 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 28 Drift Sink Gillnet, 161 Bottom Otter Trawl (fish), 2 Bottom Otter Trawl (scallop), 8 Bottom Otter Trawl (shrimp), 4 Mid-water Paired Otter Trawl, 1 Mid-water Otter Trawl, 17 Scallop Dredge, 2 Hydraulic Clam Dredge, 22 Bottom Longline and 7 Closed Area Scallop. There were 9 aborted trips. The following 26 takes were observed:

GEAR/TRIP TYPE	TRIP ID	DATE LANDED	# OF TAKES	COMMON SPECIES NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	DISPOSITION
ASG 100	B13017C	2/5/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C81005L	2/20/2005	1	Harbor Seal	Phoca vitulina	dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	C81006L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C81006L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C81006L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, moderately decomposed
BOTF 050	C90004-	2/9/2005	1	Saddleback Dolphin	Delphinus delphis	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C96009L	2/20/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C96009L	2/20/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C96009L	2/20/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	C96009L	2/20/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C96009L	2/20/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C96010L	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Seal	Phoca vitulina	dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D35005-	2/16/2005	1	Saddleback Dolphin	Delphinus delphis	dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D35005-	2/16/2005	1	Saddleback Dolphin	Delphinus delphis	dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D35006-	2/28/2005	1	Atl White-sided Dolphin	Lagenorhynchus acutus	dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D35006-	2/28/2005	1	Atl White-sided Dolphin	Lagenorhynchus acutus	dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D47007-	2/28/2005	1	Atl White-sided Dolphin	Lagenorhynchus acutus	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	D52007C	2/22/2005	1	Seal nk	Phocidae spp	dead, fresh
ASG 100	D52007C	2/22/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	Phocoena phocoena	dead, moderately decomposed
BOTF 050	E05007-	2/24/2005	1	Harp Seal	Pagophilus groenlandica	dead, fresh

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "L" signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); "-" signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, BOTF = Bottom Otter Trawl (fish).

Errata for January 2005 - Changes in Observed Trip Counts: 90 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 27 Drift Sink Gillnet, 146 Bottom Otter Trawl (fish), 11 Scallop Dredge, 4 Other/NK Species Dredge, 2 Hydraulic Clam Dredge, and 31 Bottom Longline. Also 11 aborted trips, rather than 9.

## Distribution:

- C. Mantzaris
- R. Merrick
- C. Upite
- M. Colligan
- M. Tork
- D. Palka
- K. Bisack
- M. Rossman
- C. Ryder
- D. Gouveia
- K. Murray
- L. Lankshear
- J. Litchfield
- E. Kupcha
- F. Wenzel
- J. Mello
- H. Milliken
- E. Petras
- D. Hart
- E. Keane
- P. Kelliher
- S. Quinn
- H. Haas
- T. Dobrzynski
- J. Bachus
- K. Long
- P. Fiorelli
- G. Waring
- B. Hayward